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IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION REPORTED MYTEL 1534 KHRUSHCHEV TOLD
KROLL THAT IF EAST AND WEST GERMANY WERE REUNITED AND ADOPTED
A SYSTEM OTHER THAN COMMUNISM, HE WOULD NOT LIKE IT BUT
WOULD NOT OBJECT. I ASSUME THIS IS MERELY AN EFFORT TO
ENCOURAGE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST GERMANS.

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KROLL TOLD ME THAT WHILE HE COULD NOT EVEN SUGGEST SUCH A
THING TO HIS OWN GOVERNMENT HE THOUGHT THAT IF WESTERN
POWERS SHOULD PROPOSE IT WEST GERMANY COULD ENGAGE IN
CONVERSATIONS WITH EAST GERMANS ON SOME LEVEL AND ACCEPT
AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD DIVORCE EAST GERMANY FROM THE
STRICT SATELLITE PATTERN SINCE HE WAS CONVINCED THAT IN THE
END THE WEIGHT AND ATTRACTION OF WEST GERMAN SYSTEM WOULD
ENABLE IT TO PREVAIL. HE SAID HE WAS NOT WORRIED BY ANY
DANGER OF COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO SUBVERT WEST GERMANY SINCE
THEY HAD LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH COMMUNIST MENACE.
THESE REMARKS MADE IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE AND REQUEST
THEY BE SO TREATED.

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